

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 4th OCTOBER 2007 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr Holroyd in the Chair

Cllrs H Barraclough, R Barraclough, R Burton, A Cooper, A Cruden, P Cunnington, S Dunford, D Hardcastle, J Heward, G Hickey, J Hirst, E Hutchinson, M MacDonald, B Moreton, S Murphy, J Paxton, P Rock, M Sykes and J Taylor.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bottomley, Dunn and Myers, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council.

**171 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr Hirst in the accounts, since it included repayment of his travelling expenses; Cllr Hutchinson in Planning Appl 93825 at 23 The Paddock, Kirkheaton, as it is a near neighbour and Cllr MacDonald in the item regarding the proposed Shelley Village Hall rent increase, as he is a member of the Community Association's finance committee. He left the meeting whilst the matter was discussed and a decision agreed upon.

The Clerk formally notified the Council of the casual vacancy in the Kirkburton ward of the Council and advised members of the election and co-option procedures.

**172 Election of Vice
Chairman**

Cllrs Hickey and Taylor were proposed for the position of Vice Chairman.

Resolved: That Cllr Hickey is elected to the position of Vice Chairman for the remainder of the Council year.

The Chairman reported that she had attended the Kirkburton Scouts Centenary Service, the Holme Valley Parish Council Civic Sunday and the Annual Tea at the Shepley Evergreens.

**173 Chairman's
Appointments**

Resolved: To accept the Parish Council minutes of 6th September 2007 as a true record.

174 Council Minutes

The Clerk gave a verbal update on the provision of a new gate at Shepley allotments.

**175 Gate at Shepley
Allotment (Min 162)**

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Management & Finance Committee meeting of 6th September 2007.

**176 Management &
Finance Minutes**

Resolved: To accept the minutes of the Grants & Community Projects Committee meeting of 6th September 2007 as an accurate record and to adopt the recommendations therein with the exception of Minute No CG11, which shall be referred back to the Committee for reconsideration.

**177 Grants &
Community
Projects Minutes
(06.09.07)**

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Grants & Community Projects Committee meeting of 20th September 2007, and to refer to the Management & Finance Committee the procedure for dealing with urgent committee recommendations for clarification.

**178 Grants &
Community
Projects Minutes
(20.09.07)**

Resolved: To accept the minutes of the Parish Council/Environment meeting as a true record.

**179 Parish Council/
Environment
Minutes**

2007/93805 *Conversion of farm building to form dwelling at Haigh House, Judy Haigh Lane.* The Council objected to this application on the grounds that the proposed development was in a remote location and unsustainable. There were also highways objections since it was on a narrow track which leads onto a single track road.

180 Plans

- 2007/93834 *Change of use from disused agricultural barn to B8 (small storage of general items) at 2 Wakefield Road, Grange Moor.* The Council objected on the grounds that it was inappropriate development in the Green Belt and also on Highways' grounds as the proposed development would increase the number of traffic movements. **180 Plans (Cont'd)**
- 2007/92989 *Variation of Condition 3 for continued extraction of mineral on previous permission 93/62/05383/E0 for extraction of shales and clays by opencast means as an extension to the current site and subsequent landfill using imported clean excavation waste Peace Wood, Huddersfield Road/Mosley Lane, Shelley.* The Council agreed to defer comment on this proposal until the Council (Planning/GP) meeting on 18th October, in order to give the ward members time to properly consider the detailed documentation.
- 2007/93935 *Outline application for erection of detached dwelling at 34 Jenkyn Lane, Shepley.* The Council objected on the grounds that the proposed development contained mature trees, one of which will need to be removed if the application is approved.
- There was no comment made on the following applications:
93595 Highburton; 93791 Kirkheaton; 93825 Kirkheaton; 93857 Flockton (Lepton/Whitley Upper ward); 93858 Flockton (Lepton/Whitley Upper ward); 93859 Flockton Lepton/Whitley Upper ward); 93871 Kirkheaton; 93880 Highburton; 93911 Lepton; 93960 Highburton; 93989 Kirkheaton; 94014 Shepley and 94038 Highburton.
- Comment on the following applications was deferred pending receipt of the plans:
90585 Grange Moor; 93913 Fenay Bridge; 93934 Lascelles Hall; 93938 Lepton; 93956 Fenay Bridge; 93957 Gawthorpe and 94035 Kirkburton.
- There were no planning appeals before the Council **181 Planning Appeals**
- Members noted the hearing of the appeal of the outline application for the erection of one detached farm workers dwelling at Denby Hall Farm, Denby Lane, Lower Denby, Flockton. **182 Hearing of Appeal at Denby Hall Farm, Flockton**
- Resolved:** To defer a decision on the Council's view on the application and whether to nominate a representative to speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the hearing to the Council (Planning/General Purposes) meeting on 18th October 2007.
- Resolved:** To settle the accounts as presented (£21,495.81, including £30 agreed under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972). **183 Accounts**
- Verbal reports were given on the recent Kirkburton Area Committee meeting. Under her delegated authority, the Clerk was asked to request that posters for future meetings are sent out earlier and to ensure that KMC has a list of noticeboard keyholders. The Clerk was also asked to chase up the missing keys for the Grange Moor noticeboard. **184 Kirkburton Area Committee**
- Resolved:** To elect Cllr Hickey as the second representative on the Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association and to defer the election of the Kirkburton representative on the Kirkburton Area Committee until the casual vacancy has been filled. **185 Representative of K&HCA/Area Committee**
- Members noted the information with regard to the problems at the Matrix site in Kirkheaton. **186 Matrix Site in Kirkheaton**
- Resolved:** To write to both Environmental Health and Planning Services (cc B Sheerman MP and Dalton ward members) notifying the problems and requesting action is taken.
- The meeting with Stagecoach and Metro was confirmed as 8th October at 7.30pm at the Salvation Army Hall in Kirkburton. Members were requested to come early if possible to assist in the setting up of the room. **187 Bus Services**
- Members noted that there were still 6 villages without noticeboards, the remainder having been provided by Kirkburton Area Committee. **188 Noticeboards**
- Resolved:** To supply a noticeboard in each of the remaining villages (6 in total) and that the funding for this project is provided in the next financial year's budget.
- Members noted the new powers available to Parish Councils in Section 20 of the Climate **189 Microgeneration**

Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006, to encourage or promote microgeneration within their area.

Resolved: To make a commitment to promote microgeneration and energy conservation within our Parish boundaries with a particular focus on community buildings, businesses and private householders.

Resolved: That all members will have the opportunity to attend a session on microgeneration which explains the technologies, what they do, their advantages and disadvantages. This will be at nil cost to the Council.

Resolved: To establish a small working party or an identified individual who has a specific remit to realise the Council's microgeneration commitment in order to ensure the Council's support for microgeneration and energy conservation is being driven.

Resolved: To establish an annual budget to invest in microgeneration and basic energy conservation measures in community buildings such as village halls. By investing in basic energy saving measures the fund will ensure that a greater proportion of a buildings total energy use is served by microgeneration and also demonstrate even greater energy savings, reduced CO₂ emissions and lower fuel bills. A key aim for the fund will be to seek external funding to complement and maximise the Council's commitment to microgeneration. This fund will receive a budget from the Parish Council of £10,000 per year.

The Low Carbon Buildings Programme offers grants to organisations, businesses and households installing approved microgeneration technologies in homes and other buildings.

Resolved: To promote this and similar schemes through existing community newsletters.

Resolved: To actively monitor and comment on planning applications within the Parish boundaries, and to provide informed support to microgeneration applications within the Parish boundaries providing they have no significant negative impact.

Resolved: To ensure that appropriate KMC officers and members are aware of the commitment being developed for microgeneration, to ensure that the assistance and expertise that may be available is fully utilised.

Resolved: To seek to establish a partnership with Registered Social Landlords, Councils and Arms Length Management Organisations with housing stock in their area. By making them aware of the Council's commitment we will seek to influence their investment decisions to encourage the installation of renewable energy technologies. This could be promoted as a particularly cost effective option in parts of the Parish that are off the gas network.

Resolved: To raise people's awareness of small scale renewable energy through its own publications or through other media such as newspapers, which are distributed in the area.

Cllr Heward left the meeting.

It was reported that there will be a meeting about this issue in Kirkheaton in the near future. It was therefore agreed to defer the item to the next Council meeting.

190 Kirkheaton Quarry

Members noted the difficulty the Council was experiencing in appointing suitable contractors, particularly for minor works.

191 Approved Contractor List

Resolved: To agree that an approved contractor list is drawn up, and that the matter is referred to the Management & Finance Committee to deal with the practicalities.

Members noted the Clerk's Report as distributed at the meeting.

192 Clerk's Report

Cllr MacDonald made a verbal report on the YHRTP Joint Conference he had attended.

193 YHRTP Joint Conference

Cllr MacDonald showed members samples of car stickers he had received from Flockton First School, which had been funded by a Parish Council environment grant.

194 Car Stickers

- Provision of flashing speed limit signs outside the schools

195 Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Cllr MacDonald left the meeting.

Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it was resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and the press leave the meeting during consideration of the following :-

Members noted the response from the Community Association to the Council's proposal for the rent increase.

196 Shelley Village Hall Rent Increase

Resolved: That a response is sent to the Community Association referring back to the original recommendations of the arbitration report.

The Clerk reported that under delegated authority and after consultation with the Chairman, she had advised the Community Association that the tender process for the fire alarm system must be undertaken by the Council, and had requested that all returned bids be sent unopened to the Council.

The meeting then closed.